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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on June 24, 2003; May 16, 2002; September 10, 2001; and August 1, 2001, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,568,519 to BAIER et al., which issued on October 22, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 6,097,771 to FOSCHINI, which issued on August 1, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,127,973 to CHOI et al., which issued on October 3, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,091,813 to HARLEY et al., which issued on July 18, 2000;

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 883 325, which was published on December 9, 1998; and

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 03/036614, which was published on May 1, 2003. Applicant notes that this application entered the U.S. National Stage as commonly assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Application No.

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10/487,229 on February 26, 2004. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,

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